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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Yanxiang Cao et al.) Examiner: Jeffrey Siew
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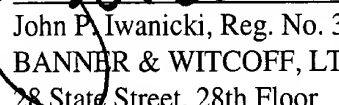
PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. section 1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for response to Examiner's action mailed April 8, 2002, be extended for three months to and including October 8, 2002.

Please apply the instant filing fee, in the amount of \$920.00, and any other charges or any credits to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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